

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404,
MERCER, HENDERSON, & ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, convened at a regular meeting in *the Mercer County Intermediate School Music Room*, on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.**

Prior to Roll Call, Julie Wagner opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Mike Bowns.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Bieri, Bowns, Monson, and Wagner. A quorum was present.

Balmer arrived at 7:08 PM. Smock arrived at 7:16 PM. Yates arrived at 7:39 PM.

Absent: none

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Bush and Fleurette. Hofer arrived at 7:17PM.

Also in Attendance: Secretary Angie Baker.

Reporters: Cathy Decker

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 07	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10
Balmer	-	-	-	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE
Bieri	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE
Bowns	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE
Monson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE
Smock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AYE		AYE
Wagner	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	Abstain	AYE		Abstain
Yates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AYE		AYE

	NO. 11	NO. 12	NO. 13
Balmer	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Bieri	AYE	AYE	
Bowns	AYE	AYE	
Monson	AYE	AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE	
Yates	AYE	AYE	

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Bieri, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Retirement of Bus Driver Gene Peterson end of 2020-2021 school year
 - 1.7 Maternity Leave for New Boston 4th Grade Teacher Michaela Matlick

1.8 Resignation of Speech Language Pathologist Kelsi Schnack
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL
BOARD POLICY

2. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Monson, to approve the Bullying Policy 7.180 as presented.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

REGISTRATION
FEES FY22

3. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Bieri, to approve the 2021-2022 Registration fees as presented.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BREAD BID FY22

4. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Bowns, to accept Aunt Millie's Bread Bid for FY22 as presented.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MILK BID FY22

5. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to accept Prairie Farms Milk Bid for FY22 as presented.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

FUEL BID FY22

6. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to accept the Blick and Blick Oil Fuel bid for FY22 as presented.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

7. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bieri, to approve Phillips and Associates to proceed with the MCIS Classroom addition.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

8. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Balmer, at 8:03PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel and Student Issue discussion.

8.1 Personnel

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

8.2 Student Issue

Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/22(c)(9).

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session started at 8:12 PM.

OPEN SESSION

9. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bieri, to come out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

- HS COACH REHIRES 10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the rehire of high school fall and winter sports coaches as presented. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN 11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Andrew Augustine as high school custodian. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- SCHOOL NURSE SCHOLARSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT 12. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bieri, to approve the certified school nurse scholarship and employment agreement for Julianne Smet. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 13. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. Deletions – 11.1 c & d Hire Bus Driver/Summer Workers
- PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None
- CORRESPONDENCE 3. Thank you cards were received from Mike and Kris Chausse, as well as the Apollo Staff, for the Staff Appreciation luncheon provided by the board.
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. Mike Bowns commended the district on an excellent job this school year with all of the challenges due to COVID 19.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 6. Nothing additional
- FOIA REQUESTS 7. None
- BUDGET AMENDMENT 8. Mr. Petrie went over the Budget Amendments scheduled for next month. Esser I & II funds have been received and are being utilized. The Education fund has seen nearly \$1 million additional revenue and expenditures. Transportation costs increased due to the need of bus monitors this year to do temperature checks, monitor social distancing, and monitor mask wearing. Decrease in Tort expenses due to loss of SRO at the high school. Health Life Safety expenditures are down due to COVID delays. Budget Hearing is scheduled for the June meeting.
- SOPPA 9. Mr. Petrie spoke about the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA). SOPPA is effective July 1, 2021. It guarantees that student data is protected by educational technology companies. Public schools are

required to have signed agreements with vendors guaranteeing any personal identifying information. Our tech department is working to get these agreements into place by the July 1st deadline.

CHILD NUTRITION
PROGRAM WAIVERS

10. Mr. Petrie discussed the USDA Waivers for school year 21-22. We will continue the Seamless Summer Option, allowing all students to receive free meals regardless of their lunch status. We plan to add some a la carte items back to the high school next year.

FY22 DISTRICT GOALS

11. Mr. Petrie discussed the results of the community forum survey. School Perceptions created a data analysis report, based on the total responses provided. He shared prior year goals and asked for feedback from the board where they want us to be with these findings before the next board meeting. It was discussed to add transportation goals to the plan for next year.

BOARD POLICY

12. Mike Bowns discussed the Safety Policy – 4.170 included in the board packet. It is required by law to be voted on in an open meeting. The Board was asked to review this policy.

PRE K CLASSROOMS

13. Mr. Petrie discussed the relocation of the PreK classrooms in Joy. Our full day PreK students have been housed in the Joy vocational building the last four years. It was chosen based on recommendations by the Regional Office of Education and the central location of students. The State Fire Marshall no longer wants students in that building and requested them be moved prior to winter break 20-21. Due to COVID, they extended this deadline. A low cost solution that would meet the deadline, would be to relocate the program to the south end of the Joy building. This space meets the requirements needed for this type of program. This space will no longer be leased by FCAE.

VOTECH BUILDING

14. Mr. Petrie discussed the Health Life Safety project in the high school vocational building. The architect has been coordinating options for a new arrangement of welding stations and smoke extraction systems with Mrs. Day and Mr. Heartt. This project will not be completed by the start of the school year, but these specific welding stations are not utilized until midterm, providing a reasonable time line. The project will go out for bids in the next month or two.

RETURN TO
LEARN/PLAY

15. Last week indoor guidelines changed to 60% capacity, allowing for the high school graduation to be moved indoors with the same amount of tickets being honored that were passed out prior. No limitations on wrestling senior night, however, no visitors due to it being held in the Intermediate School gym. Junior High Commencement ceremony was held indoors, with increased tickets being available. The Illinois School Board Association voted today to mandate Fall 2021 in person full time learning. Students must have a medical condition to not return to in person learning this fall. Documentation will be required.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

16. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

Mr. Fleurette mentioned the shelter being built this summer on the Apollo playground for an outdoor classroom or picnic area. Lowell Johnson funds will be used.

Mr. Bush recognized Jaxson Schrock and Lacy Frieden as NBE Illinois Principal's Association Student Leadership Award winners.

Mr. Sedam mentioned 8th grade promotion went well. The junior high summer school numbers aren't as high as anticipated. Grades increased once more students returned to in person after 2nd semester.

Mrs. Day mentioned we had 90 students graduate last weekend.

Submitted By: _____
Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____